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China was awarded to host the Olympics by the International Olympics Committee at the beginning of this century with the expectation that China would improve its human rights. Events and reports proved that China's human rights record did not improve but rather rapidly worsened prior to and during the Games.

Now the Games are over, a dozen Asian human rights organizations are jointly urging the international community to keep pressure on China and other authoritarian regimes in Asia to embrace democracy.

Please join us this Friday at one of the largest gatherings by leaders of Asian human rights organizations in the nation's capital.

Sponsored by: Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, Congressman Ed Royce and Congressman Frank Wolf, Co-Chair of Human Rights Caucus

Speakers include: Congressman Ed Royce, Rebiya Kadeer(East Turkestan), Wei Jingsheng (Wei Jingsheng Foundation), Dr. Binh Nguyen (Vietnam), Dr. Wen-yen Chen (Taiwan), Honorable Bo Hla Tint (Burma), Harry Wu (Laogai Foundation), Dr. Richard Saisomorn (Laos), Dr. Erping Zhang (Falun Gong), Tenzin Jamchin (Tibet), Representative from Human Rights Watch, and Members of Congress (invited).

Host organization: Asian Democracy Alliance

Co-sponsors: Wei Jingsheng Foundation, Formosan Association for Public Affairs, Laogai Foundation, International Committee to Support the Non-Violent Movement for Human Rights in Vietnam, Tibetan Association in Capitol Area, Dokham Chushi Gangdruk-New England Chapter, Uyghur American Association, Falun Gong, National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, Vietnamese American Community Association in Washington DC, MD and VA, Free China Movement Foundation, Independent Federation of Chinese Students and Scholars Washington Forum, Global Service Center for Quiting Chinese Communist Party, Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Federation, United Montagnard Christian Chuch in America, The Montagnard Human Rights Organization, The Laotian New Government for Democracy, Inner Mongolian's People Party